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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6928

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 3920

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SUBJECT : REACTION OF OAU STATES TO ETHIOPIAN EXECUTIONS

REF: A) DAR ES SALAAM 3868 NOTAL; AND B) STATE 261727

1. REF A GIVES INITIAL TANGOV REACTION TO ETHIOPIAN EXECUTIONS. SUBSEQUENTLY, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT JUMBE WAS QUERIED ON MATTER AT PRESS CONFERENCE AT AIRPORT WHEN HE TRANSITTED NAIROBI NOVEMBER 26 ON HIS WAY TO MIDDLE EAST ON GOODWILL MISSION. DAILY NATION, NAIROBI, QUOTED JUMBE (WHO IS ACCOMPANIED ON THIS TRIP BY FOREIGN MINISTER MALECELA) AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE WE HAVE HEARD OF THE MASS EXECUTIONS, BUT WE ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT THE NEWS AND WILL NEVER SUPPORT KILLINGS OF THIS NATURE. ALTHOUGH IT IS TOO EARLY TO MAKE SPECIFIC COMMENTS . . . I PRAY THAT GOD DOES NOT LET THE SITUATION NOW IN ETHIOPIA . . . PLUNGE THAT COUNTRY INTO A CIVIL WAR UNQUOTE. HE IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT IF CRISIS IN ETHIOPIA WAS ALLOWED TO TURN INTO CIVIL WAR IT WOULD BE MAJOR BLOW TO AFRICA WHICH COULD WEAKEN UNITY ON CONTINENT.

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2. QUESTION IN REF B WAS RAISED WITH LOWER-LEVEL MFA OFFICIAL
(NEARLY ALL SENIOR LEVEL OFFICIALS ARE AWAY FROM DAR FOR NOW)
AND HE REPORTED THAT HE KNEW OF NO ATTEMPT AT THIS TIME BY

OAU STATES TO PUT TOGETHER DEMARCHE OR TO INTERCED WITH ETHIOPIA.
OFFICIAL NOTED THAT AS ADDIS IS HEADQUARTERS OF OAU THAT
AFRICAN COUNTRIES COULD NOT LET SITUATION PASS UNNOTICED. AS
FOR TANZANIA THERE IS CONCERN THAT MORE EXECUTIONS WILL FOLLOW AND
MFA FOR TIME WAS WORRIED ABOUT SAFETY OF EMBASSY IN ETHIOPIAN
CAPITAL.

3. DAILY NEWS, DAR ES SALAAM, NOVEMBER 28, REPORTS SOMALI
VICE PRESIDENT KULMIE SAYING TO PRESS, DURING TRANSIT STOP
IN DAR ES SALAAM ON WAY TO BUJUMBURA, THAT HE DEPLORED RECENT
EXECUTIONS OF 60 OFFICIALS IN ETHIOPIA.
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